As a result of implementation of Special Foodgrains Production Programme, Foodgrains production in the State of Andhra Pradesh during 1988-89 increased to 129. 92 lakh tonnes as against 99. 00 lakh tonnes during 1987-88. For 1989-90, the production is estimated around 126. 3 lakh tonnes. For 1990-91, a working target of 139. 10 lakh tonnes of foodgrains has been kept.

Railway expansion projects in Andhra Pradesh

2098. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and details of the railway expansion projects received for consideration from Andhra Pradesh Government during the last five years; and

(b) what action is being taken by Government on each of the said proposal during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Request for the following *new* railway lines have been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh during the last 5 years.

1. Patamheru to Peddapalli.
2. Nizamabad to Ramagundam.
3. Nandayal to Yerraguntla.
4. Conversion pf M. G. line into B. G. line from Guntur to Dro-nachellam and laying of parallel B. G. line from Kurnool Tower to Guntakal.
5. New B. G. line from Nadikude to GudurjKhalashasthi.
6. New B. G. railway line from Krishna to Vikarabad.
7. New B. G. railway line from Macherla'to Riaichur.
8. New B. G. Railway line from Nidubrolu to Nizampatnam.
9. Conversion of M. G. line into B. G. line from Tirupathi to Pakala and parallel B. G. line from Pakala to Katpadi.
10. New BG. line from Kakinada to Kotipalli.
11. New B. G. railway line from Kurnool to Secunderabad. *ff,*
12. Rayadurg to Hindupur BG line.

Surveys in respect of items 1 to 10 have been completed and the projects found to be financially un-remunera-tive and therefore have not been taken up. Feasibility study in respect of item 11 has been sanctioned for taking up. Survey in respect of item 12 has not been sanctioned.

Number of railway accidents in South Central Zones

2699. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR,: \ Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of accidents which took place in South-Central Zone during the last six months;

(b) what are the reasons for increased number of accidents; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ovoid accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS & (SHRl GEORGE FERNANDES): (a.) and (b) There were 33 train accidents on South-Central Railway during the period February 1990 to July 1990. These accidents were mainly due to. failure of railway staff and equipment failure.

(c) Railways have a comprehensive on-going campaign to arrest the incidence of accidents. Some, of. the important measures are: —

(i) induction of technical devices to assist the human effort.

(ii) improvement in quality of maintenance of fixed a»d moving assets.

(iii) intensive and frequent ins pections. _ _____

fiv) monitoring the performance including psycho-technical tests., of the staff belonging to critical safety categories;, and

(v) intensive training of staff engaged in train running and train > passing duties.

Railway Project for Andhra Pradesh

2700. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased. to, state:. ..

(a) the details of Railway Projects under which new realway lines are likely to be constructed during the next three years in Andhra 'Pradesh; and

(b) the funds which have been allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI CEO'IGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The sanctioned New Line works in Andhra Pradesh are the following: —

Name of work & length		Cost	Outlay 90-91
, (1) Aililabad-Pimpalkutti (20. 94 km).	. Rs.	17. 19 cr.	Rs. 4. 00 cr.
(2) Telapur-Patalicheru (8 km)	. Rs.	9. 00 cr.	Token (Rs. 1, 000/-)
(3) Ckitradurg-Rayadurg (100 km).	. Rs	32. 54 cr.	Rs. 4. 00 cr.

New starts to be taken up in the coming years arc decided on annual basis.

Break-up of the expenditure on re-pains and renovations of the _j-s residences of Central Ministers

2701. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister "of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to' state:

' (a) the- expenditure incurred so far by each Cabinet Minister/Minister of State/Deputy Minister on the repairs and renovations of residence allotted

• to. him-after his appointment, separately foi- civil works, electrical works and furnishings;

06) the break-up of te expenditure incurred out of the budget of \he CPWD and. that of the Ministry concerned in each case; '

(c) what is the ceiling laid down by the Ministry of Finance for incurring expenditure. on bungalow allotted to a Minister;

(d) whether the ceiling has been followed in each case; if not. by how much it has been in excess and the reasons thereof; and

(e) wheher a copy of the orders issued by the Ministry of Finance laying down such ceilings is proposed to be laid on the Table?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN j DEVELOPMENT (SHRJ MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha,

(c) to (e) Repairs renovations and minor works of addition/alteration are carried out in the residences allotted to the Ministers based on the state of the building, the requirements of the Minister and the availability of funds. No rules prescribing a ceiling for carrying out such works in the residences allotted to the Ministers have been notified by the Government, As far as the supply of